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Request to End Courtesy Notice of Arrival Reports to COTP

We ask that owners, operators, masters, and agents of vessels required to submit Notice of Arrival (NOA) Reports directly to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) do not submit courtesy or informational copies of the reports to Captain of the Port (COTP) Jacksonville.

As mandated by changes to the Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard, 33 CFR Part 160, all vessels greater than 300 gross tons bound for U.S. ports are required to submit a NOA Report directly to the NVMC in lieu of sending the Report to the cognizant COTP. COTPs are able to access the NOA information electronically from the NVMC and use it accordingly. Reports sent directly to the COTP are not forwarded to the NVMC and do not fulfill the vessel's responsibility to comply with the notification requirements. Foreign vessels of 300 gross tons or less operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District must continue to send the NOA Reports to the cognizant COTP.

During the initial stand-up of the NVMC, many vessel owners, operators, masters, and agents sent informational copies of the NOAs to COTP Jacksonville to facilitate the information transfer between the NVMC and COTP. The need for this has waned, and now the numerous daily arrival notices and updates received act as a hindrance to the efficient management of our daily business. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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